**2021 NAMI FaithNet Funding Opportunities**

NAMI FaithNet is an interfaith resource network of NAMI members, friends, clergy and congregations of all faith traditions. NAMI FaithNet is not a religious network, but an effort to outreach to all faith-based organizations to support those affected by mental illness.

NAMI FaithNet was established to:

1. Equip NAMI members and leaders with resources for raising awareness and increasing understanding about mental illness.
2. Develop supportive and welcoming environments in faith communities for those affected by mental illness.
3. Promote the value of faith and spirituality in recovery and caregiving.
4. Educate clergy and faith communities about mental illness and their role in advocating for and supporting all affected by mental illness.

Additional information can be found at [nami.org/faithnet](http://www.nami.org/faithnet).

To further these goals and strengthen our effectiveness, NAMI FaithNet is offering the following funding opportunity:

* A limited number of grants ranging between $1,000 – $2,500 will be awarded to NAMI State Organizations and NAMI Affiliates to support NAMI FaithNet efforts.
* Resources to support your grant proposal and activities may include the following: NAMI FaithNet resources: [*Reaching Out to Faith Communities*](https://www.nami.org/Extranet/Education%2C-Training-and-Outreach-Programs/Outreach-and-Advocacy/NAMI-FaithNet/Reaching-Out-to-Faith-Communities)or[*Bridges of Hope*](https://www.nami.org/Extranet/Education%2C-Training-and-Outreach-Programs/Outreach-and-Advocacy/NAMI-FaithNet/Bridges-of-Hope)*,* NAMI Education programs, or other NAMI State Organization or NAMI Affiliate resources you may choose to use**.**

2021 NAMI FaithNet activities will be part of NAMI’s [You are Not Alone](https://www.nami.org/getattachment/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Partners-and-Events/YANA2021-Partner-Guide.pdf) campaign. As such, grantees are expected to incorporate the campaign’s main message into their events.

NAMI FaithNet grants are open to any NAMI State Organization or NAMI Affiliate, even those that have received and complied with grant guidelines in the past. The application must explain how additional funds may improve the effectiveness of ongoing outreach to faith leaders, clergy and faith communities.

To access the NAMI FaithNet materials, visit [nami.org/faithnet](https://www.nami.org/faithnet) and log in to the “NAMI Leaders” section of the website. The application for the 2021 funding opportunities will be available under “Tools and Resources." You can also link directly to the extranet’s [NAMI FaithNet](https://www.nami.org/Extranet/Education%2C-Training-and-Outreach-Programs/Outreach-and-Advocacy/NAMI-FaithNet) resources. Note: you may be prompted to sign in.

Selected NAMI State Organizations and NAMI Affiliates that receive NAMI FaithNet funding may use it at the discretion of their board, NAMI FaithNet team and program manager as long as funds are allocated to meet the requirements of the funding opportunity and align with NAMI FaithNet goals and mission.

***NAMI is thankful to the Kinschner Family Foundation for their generous***

***contribution towards making the NAMI FaithNet grants possible.***

# NAMI FaithNet Grant Application Form *(Please type)*

**NAMI State Organization/NAMI Affiliate:**

**Address:**

**City /State/ Zip Code:**

**Executive Director or Contact Person:**

**Email:**  **Phone:**


Has your organization completed re-affiliation (NAMI Affiliates) with NAMI?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Not sure\_\_\_\_\_

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| **NAMI FaithNet Grant Application (Due May 31, 2021)** |
| NAMI FaithNet grants are open to any NAMI State Organization or NAMI Affiliate, even those that have received and complied with grant guidelines in the past. Before submitting a grant application, applicants must:1. Secure approval and signature from your Board of Directors before sending the application.
2. Designate two or three members as a NAMI FaithNet Work Team. One team member will act as point/report person to the NAMI State Organization or NAMI Affiliate office and maintain communication with them about faith community outreach.

**Instructions:*** Please answer all questions in the application.
* No hand-written applications will be accepted. All applications must be typed and submitted via email to **faithnet@nami.org**.
* Applications must be received by **8:00 p.m. ET on Monday, May 31, 2021.**
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| **SECTION A: Project Description** |
| 1. **Briefly describe the proposed or current faith-based outreach project for which you intend to use the grant funds. Tell us about your target audience and how they will benefit from this project.**
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| **What do you hope to gain from participating in NAMI FaithNet? How will receiving a grant help advance your educational and outreach efforts to faith-based communities over the next year?** |
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| 1. **If you received a NAMI FaithNet grant in the past, please describe how this project is different or similar and how it builds on your prior efforts. If you have not received a prior grant, but have previously developed outreach efforts to faith communities, please describe your efforts. If you have no prior experience reaching out to faith communities, what has inspired you to begin this effort now?**
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| **4. How will your proposed FaithNet project fit into any larger strategy/plan you have for engaging faith communities? If you do not have a plan for faith community engagement yet, how might this grant help inform a plan or future activities for engaging faith communities?** |
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| 1. **What activities do you intend to engage in or provide to complete the project described in question #1? Your response should include a brief description of your organization’s capacity to conduct the activities.**
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| 1. **What is the timeline for implementation of this project?**
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| **SECTION B: Project Outputs/Outcomes** |
| **7. State a minimum of three (3) measurable outputs and/or outcomes you hope to achieve.** Adjust outputs/outcomes according to the size, leadership and volunteer resources of your organization, its former experience with faith community outreach, and the kind of project you are planning.**Note**: ***Outputs*** are the measurable, tangible and direct products or results of the project activities. We suggest that you express outputs in terms of numbers. For example, how many faith group contacts you want to make; how many people you want to train; the number of individuals or organizations you may impact; or the number of faith-related support groups you want to start. ***Outcomes*** are the changes that occur or the difference that is made for families, individuals, groups, churches or communities during or after your project. Outcomes answer questions like “What difference does this NAMI FaithNet project make? What does success look like?” |
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| **SECTION C. Sustainability** |
| 1. **Briefly describe strategies for how you plan to sustain these efforts after the grant period ends (e.g., establish strategic partnerships, obtain additional funding, etc.) If you do faith-related activities outside of this grant, or have other activities planned, please share them here.**
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| **SECTION D: Budget** |
| 1. **Provide an overall budget for the total cost of your project with a detailed description of how your grant funds from NAMI will be used. You may request grant funds between $1,000 and $2,500. In addition, please note any gifts in kind that are given to implement your proposed project.**
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# **Signatures**

By signing below, *(Please insert NAMI State Organization or NAMI Affiliate name)* agrees to fulfill the NAMI FaithNet outreach and education support or grant activities proposed in this application; and has received the endorsement/support of their Board of Directors for this activity.

Moreover, we agree to submit all required reporting and supplementary materials to document the activities related to/supported by this funding. We understand a final report is required as a condition of this grant and will be due December 31, 2021.

Lastly, we agree to participate in the NAMI FaithNet [Facebook discussion group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/531242640390169/). (NOTE: to receive an invitation to join the closed Facebook NAMI FaithNet discussion group, email faithnet@nami.org.)

Signature of Executive Director or Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Board President (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\**Please email your signed application to* **faithnet@nami.org**

***Application deadline by email is 8:00 p.m. ET on Monday, May 31, 2021***